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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The subject patent application was allowed on September 26, 2005. However, the Reasons for Allowance are not commensurate with the scope of the claims.

For example and without limitation, claims 1 and 52 do not require that "the second shape-space is based on only part of the motion data obtained from the first shape-space and therefore can contain no data that is not in the first shape-space" as mentioned in the Reasons for Allowance. Moreover, claims 1 and 52 do not specify any relative size of shape-spaces and, in particular, do not specify that "the second shape-space can be no larger than the first shape-space" as further mentioned in the Reasons for Allowance.

Consequently, to the extent the reasons for allowance are (or are construed to be) inconsistent with, add or omit claim limitations, Applicants state that it is the claims that define the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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